# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the platforms, compartments, toilets are accessible to persons with disabilities including wheel chair users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to design and manufacture coaches accessible to persons with disabilities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) and (b): No, Sir. Ministry of Railways has however, decided to provide at least one toilet suitable for use of disabled persons and to provide ramp for access to station buildings at 155 major railway stations. However, wheel chairs are available with the Station Masters at important stations for use of indisposed/handicapped passengers.

(c) to (e): It is proposed to develop and manufacture 20 prototype Guard cum sleeper type coaches with wider doorways and modified toilets to permit direct access by wheel chaired passengers subject to availability of funds.